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DURING WIDE-RANGING GENERAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY SOBER AND GOK UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RASHID AL-RASHID SEPT 22, SUBJECT OF SOUTH YEMEN AROSE. RASHID PRESENTED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH RATIONALE FOR CONTINUED GOK ECONOMIC AID TO PDRY. HE ASSERTED GOK WAS UNLIKELY TO MOVE AWAY FROM PRESENT WELL-KNOWN POLICY OF ASSISTANCE IN KIND AS ALTERNATIVE TO TOTAL PDRY RELIANCE ON EASTERN BLOC. SOBER CAUTIONED RASHID CONCERNING RISKS INVOLVED BUT INDICATED CERTAIN OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS CONSULTED DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO REGION ARE MOVING TOWARDS ACCEPTANCE OF COMBINED CARROT AND STICK APPROACH TO PDRY PROBLEM. SOBER URGED THAT GOK COOPERATE WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND KEEP THEM INFORMED OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND ASSESSMENT OF POLITICAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN PDRY. UNDER SECRETARY AGREED THIS WAS GOOD IDEA.

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